

House Resolution 676

By: Representatives Taylor of the 55th, Bruce of the 64th, Glanton of the 76th, Heckstall of the 62nd, Brooks of the 63rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and its staff for being named the
2 world's most efficient airport; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for the third consecutive year, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
4 has been selected as the most efficient major airport in the world by the Air Transport
5 Research Society; and

6 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta
7 International Airport retains its title as the country's busiest airport in terms of operations for
8 the fourth consecutive year; and

9 WHEREAS, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport welcomed more than 90 million
10 passengers in 2008, a record number which exceeds every other airport in the world; and

11 WHEREAS, thanks to Hartsfield-Jackson's global access in 2008 to more than 90
12 destinations in 55 countries, international passengers traveling through the airport reached
13 an all-time high of 9 million, up 3.2 percent over 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is the world's leading air cargo center,
15 handling more than 900,000 tons of cargo annually; and

16 WHEREAS, the airport has a \$23 billion annual economic impact to the State of Georgia and
17 is indirectly responsible for nearly 400,000 jobs; and

18 WHEREAS, General Manager Ben DeCosta has provided outstanding leadership of
19 Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
21 service provided at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and its dedicated staff be
22 appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body congratulate General Manager Ben DeCosta and commend
25 Hartsfield Jackson-International Airport and its staff for being named the world's most
26 efficient airport.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ben DeCosta.